

**URBAN GREENSPACE
Project Rating Questions**

A. PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

- 1. NATURAL HERITAGE INVENTORY - Will the project preserve land that has been identified as a preservation priority by the Natural Heritage Inventory?** Yes - 1 pt
Only projects that acquire sites listed in the Natural Heritage Inventory qualify. The Natural Heritage Inventory is prepared and maintained by the DNR's Bureau of Endangered Resources _____ Pts.
- 2. RAIL CORRIDORS - Will the project provide for acquisition of an abandoned rail corridor for trail use?** Yes - 2 pts _____ Pts.
- 3. AQUATIC HABITAT - Will the project acquire land for aquatic habitat protection for fish and wildlife?** Yes - 2 pts
Management plan must address the protection of aquatic habitat for fish or wildlife. _____ Pts.
- 4. NEW PARK AND RECREATION LANDS - Will the project acquire new park and recreational lands?** Yes - 1 pt
Project Sponsor must be acquiring land for the community's first park, or for a park in an area in a community that isn't served by a park. An area is determined by the service area standards set in the local comprehensive outdoor recreation plan. Project must acquire land for non-intensive use in communities _____ Pts.
- 5. PARK DEDICATION ORDINANCE - Does the sponsoring government have a park-land dedication or impact fee ordinance?** Yes - 1 pt
The ordinance is used to recover costs for the acquisition and/or development of parks and open space from developers when land is either platted or developed; copy of resolution of adoption should be included with application. Counties will receive this point. _____ Pts.
- 6. LINKING CORRIDORS - Will the project acquire a linear corridor, parkway, trail, or environmental corridor segment linking existing parks or state and multi-county trails to one another or to a city center, or other recreational site?**
The project must acquire land that is part of a corridor of land planned to provide a linkage between trails or other recreational sites, or recreational sites to a business or residential center.
a. Project acquires a linking segment between trails and/or existing recreation sites - 2 pts. **OR**
b. Project will provide a spur to services or support facilities - 1 pt. _____ Pts.
- 7. WATER-BASED RECREATION - Will the project allow for improvement of recreation on natural waterbodies in urban areas?**
The natural waterbody must be navigable.
a. The project provides recreation on a waterbody where none is available now. Yes - 2 pts **OR**
b. The project will improve an existing recreation site. Yes-1 pt _____ Pts.
- 8. VEGETATION & WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT - Does the management plan for the property call for managing vegetation and wildlife on recreational lands to provide diversity of native or other appropriate site specific species, including protecting sensitive wildlife habitat and preserving wildlife communities?** Yes - 1 pt _____ Pts.

9. WETLANDS ACQUISITION - Will the project provide for acquisition of wetlands defined in the Wisconsin Wetland Inventory or another approved wetlands delineation or inventory and preserved through the property management plan?

Yes - 1 pt

Other approved wetlands delineations or inventories must be approved/accepted by the project sponsor and the wetlands area must be preserved through the property management plan.

Pts.

B. PROJECT CONSIDERATIONS

1. DEVELOPMENT THREAT - Will the project provide for acquisition of lands where it can be documented that the lands are threatened by development?

a. The property can be divided under the current land use plan. - 1 Pt

Pts.

b. Property is listed on the open market or an offer has been made by a developer. - 2 Pt.

Pts.

2. INTERPRETIVE FACILITIES - Will interpretive facilities be provided where they are appropriate? Yes - 1 pt

Interpretive means to enhance the public use of the site. This could include interpretive signs. An example would be a project which preserves an unusual geological feature which could be interpreted for general public use

Pts.

3. LINEAR CORRIDORS - Does the land initiate or add to a linear corridor?

Yes - 1 pt

The Sponsor must provide a master plan showing the corridor boundaries and an acquisition target list

Pts.

4. WATER FRONTAGE - Does the land provide water frontage? Yes - 1 pt

The project acquires frontage on streams, rivers or contain water features such as wildlife ponds or spring ponds. Only permanent, natural open surface water features qualify.

Pts.

5. WETLANDS RESTORATION - Does the project restore wetlands? Yes - 1 pt

The project's management plan provides for the restoration of a wetland. Wetlands are defined as classified by the Wisconsin Wetlands Inventory or another approved wetlands delineation or inventory approved of by the sponsor. Wetlands include aquatic bed plants, sphagnum moss, marsh and wetland meadow, wet shrubs, wet forests, shallow open water, and non-vegetated wet soil

Pts.

6. COUNTY POPULATION WHERE PROJECT IS LOCATED

a. Is the project located in a county that has a city with a population of 50,000 or more? (see the Wisconsin Population Centers chart in the Appendix) Yes - 1 pt

Pts.

b. Is the project located in a county with a 2002 population of: (See Wisconsin Population Centers chart in Appendix)

200,000-500,000 1 pt

Over 500,000 2 pts

Pts.

c. Is the project located in a county where the five (5) year population growth rate exceeds 2.82 percent (state 5 year rate) and the total population exceeds 50,000? (See Wisconsin Population Centers chart in Appendix) Yes - 1 pt

Pts.

7. REGIONAL OR STATEWIDE SIGNIFICANCE - Is the land of regional or statewide significance? Yes - 1 pt

A project that goes beyond serving the needs of the local sponsors population and is identified in a statewide or regional plan. A copy of the plan must be submitted to the department.

Pts.

8. PROJECT CONTINUATION - Does the project continue an eligible acquisition project previously started? Yes - 1 pt

This project continues to acquire property in an area previously established within an acquisition boundary or acreage goal

Pts.

9. GOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION, TWO OR MORE MASTER PLANS - Does the project implement master plans of two or more units of government? Yes - 1 pt

This project results in intergovernmental cooperation by implementing two or more identified master plans prepared by governmental agencies or their agents including Regional Planning Commissions, Special Planning Regions, or County Planning agencies.

Pts.

10. BROWNFIELDS SITE

- a. The sponsor has signed an agreement with the department to do necessary Investigation and remediation work on a brownfields site. Yes-1 pt
The sponsor must have submitted a copy of the agreement with the application.

OR

- b. Project is on lands in process of brownfield remediation. Yes - 2
The sponsor must have a remediation plan and schedule approved by the DNR. Documentation of both must be submitted with the application.

11. APPRAISAL COMPLETE - The project involves the acquisition of land where the appraisal is complete and has been submitted to the department. Yes - 1 pt.

Pts.

12. OFFER OR OPTION OBTAINED - The sponsor has an accepted option or offer to purchase agreement. Yes - 3 pts

Appraisal is complete and an option or offer to purchase with the landowner(s) has been executed

Pts.

13. MATCHING FUNDS - Are matching funds budgeted or available immediately?

The project can be started with matching funds available immediately upon approval of the grant agreement Yes - 1 pt

Pts.

14. LAND USE PLAN - Does the sponsor have a comprehensive plan compliant with s. 66.1001 that has been adopted by ordinance? Yes - 0.1

A copy of the adoption resolution must be submitted to the department.

Pts.

C. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATIONS

1. Has the sponsor completed all previously funded Stewardship Local Assistance and Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) projects? Yes - 1 pt

All funded projects are complete and site inspected. New sponsor shall receive credit for this question.

Pts.

2a. The sponsor has never received a Local Assistance or LWCF grant in the past. True - 3 pts

OR

2b. The sponsor has not received a Local Assistance or LWCF grant in the last 5 years. True - 1 pt.

Pts.

D. ACTIVE PROJECT ADJUSTMENT

For each active project a Sponsor has under the Stewardship Local Assistance or Land & Water Conservation Fund grant program points will be deducted from the total project application score as follows:

One active project – deduct one point

Two active projects – deduct three points

*Three or more active projects – deduct five points
the total project application score.*

No. of Active Projects: _____

Deduct

from

Pts.

PROJECT GRAND TOTAL

PTS